provided on approaches to level crossings so that road vehicle drivers become aware of the existence of level crossing and reduce their speed.

(c) to (g) Do not arise.

Rail Bridges in Distress

3636. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail bridges in distress, Zone-wise;

(b) the number of alternative bridges already completed, being constructed and those not being constructed, Zone-wise, separately; and

(c) what steps are being taken for movement of trains on those bridges which are in distress and are not being replaced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a)As on 1.4.2001 there are 515 number of distressed bridges on Indian Railways, Zone-wise details are as under—

Railways	Number of distressed bridges
Central	246
Eastern	27
Northern	66
North-Eastern	25
North-east Frontier	76
Southern	5
South Central	10
South Eastern	18
Western	42
TOTAL:	515

(b) The planning for rehabilitation/rebuilding of distressed bridges is as under:—

Railways	Targetted for the year 2002	Number already Completed as on 31.07.2001	Remaining to be done in next 2 years
Central	100	5	146
Eastern	3	1	24
Northern	36	12	30
North-Eastern	9	1	16
North-east Frontier	11	0	65
Southern	5	0	0
South Central	8	3	2
South Eastern	10	0	8
Western	32	6	10
TOTAL:	214	28	301

(c) Based on condition suitable speed restriction is imposed for movement of trains and repairs / rehabilitation prioritised.

Direct train from Jammu to Haridwar

3637. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of yatris (visitors) are attracted to the Vaishno Devi Shrine in Jammu and Amarnath in Kashmir, everyday;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no train for the Vaishno Devi yatris intending to reach Haridwar from Vaishno Devi; and

(c) if so, whether Government would start a daily train from Jammu, *via* Haridwar, to other railway stations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vaishno Devi is not directly connected by rail. However, the nearest rail-head at Jammu Tawi which serves Vaishno Devi is linked with Haridwar by slip coach service providing sleeper class accommodation through two slip coaches running on 3152 Jammu Tawi-Sealdah Express / 330 Amritsar-Dehradun Passenger and in return 4887A Haridwar-Jodhpur Link Express / 3151 Sealdah-Jammu Tawi Express trains.